



# Washington State Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs

## Staff Report

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November Public Board Meeting: ZOOM Conference Call

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Staff report to the Commission covering activities, progress, and updates from September 11, 2021 to November 12, 2021.

## 1. STAFF AND COMMISSION ACTIVITY

### **Staff Update**

Staff has performed admirably during the ongoing state of emergency, with a notable increase in existing responsibilities and taking on additional responsibilities outside the scope of their original description. Yet, they have been asked to do more with less – experiencing a cancellation of the 3% annual wage increase, as well as cuts through mandatory furloughs. Both positions make less than the average state employee, yet bring unique and valuable expertise. Therefore, raises were approved for the Project Manager & Project Coordinator Position in order to attract and retain an experienced, skilled and diverse workforce. A decision package was submitted to fully fund both positions, which is available to the public online.

### **Commissioner Activity**

Commissioners submitted activity reports for the time period of September 11, 2021 – November 12, 2021. Total events reported = 96; Activity Report response rate = 100% (11/11 respondents). Outstanding reports for this period: None. Details of Commissioner Activity can be found in Appendix I.

### **Appointments:**

Commissioner Yasmin Trudeau was appointed by the Pierce County Council to the Washington State Senate, representing the 27<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. She submitted her resignation from the Commission to the Governor, effective immediately. Applications to serve upon the Commission were opened on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to fulfill the remainder of the term vacated by Senator Trudeau through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Interviews will be held the week of November 29<sup>th</sup> to identify three finalists to recommend for the position to the Governor.

Other appointments include:

- CAPAA Commissioner Toka Valu and Commissioner Ekkarath Sisavatdy were both appointed to serve upon the Washington State Pandemic After Action Review Task Force.

## 2. FINANCE

The September 2021 Financial Status Report shows CAPAA is in good financial condition. If the agency's decision packages are not funded, the agency will overspend its budget by \$14k. However, this is not a problem, because the agency has \$34k in its donation account that it can use if necessary. If the agency's decision packages are funded, the agency will underspend its budget by \$11k.

**Sponsorship:** During the previous reporting period, CAPAA received and approved a sponsorship request for Asian Counseling and Referral Service (ACRS)'s Virtual Benefit Gala. The request was fulfilled, and the event proceeded on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. CAPAA also sponsored a table at Asia Pacific Cultural Center (APCC)'s 25<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Event on November 6<sup>th</sup>, which was attended by Chair Nguyen, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Faitalia, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Huie-Pascua, Cmmr. Abbott, Cmmr. Diaz, and Cmmr. Sisavatdy.

## 3. COMMUNICATIONS

- Newsletter:** CAPAA’s newsletter is sent to an e-mail listserv of 2,551 contacts (+74 from September Staff Report). CAPAA has transitioned entirely from MailerLite to GovDelivery, which will help us expand our reach, particularly amongst government contacts.
- Facebook:** 2,403 Likes (+43)  
2,706 Follows (+54)
- Webpage:** Health Care Resources  
Population Data  
Updates to COVID-19 Resources to reflect vaccine booster information  
Updates to Small Business Assistance, Financial Aid for Students, LGBTQ+ Resources, Report Hate/Discrimination
- Social Media:** COVID-19 updates  
Resources for reporting hate and discrimination  
Filipino American History Month social media campaign  
Holiday graphics (Mid-Autumn Festival, Chuseok, Diwali, Hmong New Year)  
Excerpts from CAPAA Demography Report  
Statement on assault at Khmer Theravadin Buddhist Temple  
Statement on Indigenous People’s Day  
Statement on appointment of Yasmin Trudeau to the State Senate  
Call for applications to join the Commission  
Open enrollment

#### 4. **EVENTS**

##### **Conversations with CAPAA**

CAPAA continued its Conversations with CAPAA series. On September 14<sup>th</sup>, Project Manager Mai held a conversation with newly-appointed Cmmrs. Abbott, Kosai, and Trudeau to introduce them to the public and discuss their public service before CAPAA and their hope for the Commission.

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, Executive Director Hasegawa held a conversation with Secretary of Health Shah, in continuation of a previous conversation that focused on the state’s COVID-19 response. This latest conversation focused primarily on the Secretary’s personal journey to Washington’s highest public health official.

##### **Demography Report Presentations**

Following the public release of CAPAA’s ANHPI Community Demography Report at the previous board meeting, staff presented to a variety of audiences during this period, including Asian Pacific Islander Coalition (APIC-WA), the Governor’s Small Agency Cabinet, and the Executive Cabinet Deputy Directors. On social media, CAPAA shared charts and graphs from the report for public use, with links to the full report.

##### **Anti-Asian Hate Crimes Community Meeting**

After an assault on a Buddhist nun at the Khmer Theravadin Buddhist Temple in Tacoma, members of the community held a meeting with elected officials and other governmental representatives to raise awareness, stand in solidarity, and discuss resources and next steps. The meeting occurred on October 5<sup>th</sup> and was attended by CAPAA staff as well as multiple Commissioners, including Chair Nguyen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Huie-Pascua, and Civil Rights & Immigration Committee Chair Kosai. On social media, CAPAA also released a statement along with our Resources for Reporting Hate/Discrimination.

## **White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI) Listening Session**

CAPAA met with the WHIAANHPI on October 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss AANHPI community priorities in Washington State. CAPAA was represented in the meeting by Executive Director Hasegawa, the Executive Committee members, and the Chairs of CAPAA Standing Committees. The meeting discussed ongoing issues, community priorities, and points of collaboration.

## **White House AA & NHPI COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force Stakeholder Briefings**

Over the past few months, the Presidential COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force held several stakeholder meetings to share resources and updates to organizations and agencies that worked with AANHPI communities. CAPAA staff and Commissioners attended these meetings in a listening capacity.

## **Bellevue School District**

On November 1, CAPAA Executive Director Hasegawa and Project Manager Mai held a meet and greet with the Bellevue School District's AAPI Staff Affinity Group. In the meeting, staff discussed current events and issues relevant to K-12 education, particularly on ethnic studies.

## **5. UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **People of Color Legislative Summit**

December 4, 2021

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### **January Public Board Meeting – Online via Zoom**

January 15, 2022

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

### **March Public Board Meeting – Thurston County**

March 19, 2022

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

### **June Public Board Meeting – King County**

June 28, 2022

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

### **September Public Board Meeting – Pierce County**

September 17, 2022

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

### **November Public Board Meeting – Snohomish County**

November 19, 2022

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

# APPENDIX I: Commissioner Activity Reports

Outstanding reports for this period: None.

Date of Activity	Commissioner Name	Name of Activity	Issue Area	Does this activity fulfill a strategic plan goal?
10/31/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	NAMI WA Annual Board Meeting	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/30/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	NAMI WA Board Orientation	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/29/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	FANHS News Release-October is Fil-Am History Month	API Cultural Awareness	Supporting APA Business Owners
10/28/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	APIC-WA and CAPAA Demography Report	Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice	APIC WA and CAPAA presentation of AANHPI data project
10/28/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	Fil-Am Senior Meal Program	Support and advocacy for seniors and other vulnerable populations	Supporting APA Business Owners
10/25/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	NAMI Affiliate Support and Development Committee	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/22/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	DEI Training Planning Call	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/17/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	NAMI WA Leadership Retreat	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/16/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	NAMI WA 2021 Virtual State Conference: You are not alone	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/14/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	Memorial observance of Gene Viernes	Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice	Civil rights and social justice
10/12/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	APIC Yakima meeting	Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice	Civil rights and immigration services
10/10/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	Chinese Community Double Ten Celebration	API Cultural Awareness	Building AAPI community relations
10/10/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	Fil-Am Community Board consultation	API Cultural Awareness	Supporting APA Business Owners
10/8/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	COVID-19 Vaccine Update White House report	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/8/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	NAMI-Yakima meeting	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/7/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	Fil-Am Senior Meal Program	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/7/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	Fil-Am Community Senior Meal Program	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/6/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	CHARS Data Aggregation meeting - Revisions to Chapter 246-455	Health and Human Services	Reporting of data, revision proposed to WAC 246-455
10/6/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	CHARS Data Aggregation meeting	Policy	Revisions to Chapter 246-455, Dept. of Health
10/5/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	AAPI & Chronic Pain Management - Community Feedback	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/1/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	CAPAA HHS Committee	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/1/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	Fil-Am Community Senior Meal Program	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
9/30/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	NAMI - Yakima Family Support meeting	Health and Human Services	Support to AAPI family
9/20/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	NAMI - WA Affiliate Support & Development Committee	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
9/18/2021	Carrie-Huie-Pascua	Yakima Youth Empowerment	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
11/6/2021	Chongsun Abbott	APCC celebration	API Cultural Awareness	Support for APCC
10/28/2021	Chongsun Abbott	Rental Assistance Program	Health and Human Services	Rental Assistance program related to COVID-19 Pandemic
10/21/2021	Chongsun Abbott	Lakewood Multicultural Coalition Committee (LMCC)	Multicultural Coalition and Awareness	Support for Lakewood Multicultural Coalition Committee (LMCC)
10/8/2021	Chongsun Abbott	Economic Development Focus Group meeting for CAPAA	Economic Development	Supporting APA Business Owners
10/1/2021	Chongsun Abbott	Taste of Korea	API Cultural Awareness	Support for the annual Taste of Korea event
9/14/2021	Chongsun Abbott	Domestic Shelter	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
11/9/2021	Ekkarath Sisavady	United Communities of Laos meeting with Coalition Leaders	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
11/6/2021	Ekkarath Sisavady	APCC 25th Anniversary	API Cultural Awareness	Supported APCC, fundraiser
11/5/2021	Ekkarath Sisavady	Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander Health Education Summit	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
11/5/2021	Ekkarath Sisavady	Health and Human Service Committee Meeting	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/25/2021	Ekkarath Sisavady	Follow-up meeting on grant equity review proviso (RCO/CAPAA)	Parks and land use opportunities	Parks and Land use
10/13/2021	Ekkarath Sisavady	Christine Domingo on behalf of Wing Luke Museum ED search	Consultation for Wing Luke Museum's ED Search	Consultation for Wing Luke Museum's ED Search
10/11/2021	Ekkarath Sisavady	SEAPI Youth Survey Meeting	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/8/2021	Ekkarath Sisavady	Southeast Asian and Pacific Islander Health Education Summit	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/5/2021	Ekkarath Sisavady	Community Voices: Continuing Anti-Asian Hate and Violence	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/1/2021	Ekkarath Sisavady	Health and Human Service Committee Meeting	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
9/21/2021	Ekkarath Sisavady	CAPAA ANHPI Data Project Release	Census 2020	Support for Census 2020
9/18/2021	Ekkarath Sisavady	September Public Board Meeting	CAPAA Board Meeting	CAPAA Board meeting
10/28/2021	Julio Diaz	APIC-WA CAPAA Presents Demography Report - Listening session	Census 2020	Support for Census 2020
10/22/2021	Julio Diaz	White House and WHIAANHPI Listening Session for the WA State	Economic Development	Supporting APA Business Owners
10/14/2021	Julio Diaz	Review & Comment on DES Enterprise Procurement Policy - Disposition	Economic Development	Supporting APA Business Owners
9/22/2021	Julio Diaz	Washington State Dept of Transportation - Active Transportation Plan	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/22/2021	Kendall Kosai	CAPAA & WHIAAPI Listening Session	Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
10/17/2021	Kendall Kosai	OCA Greater Seattle Board Meeting	Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
10/12/2021	Kendall Kosai	National Network of AANHPI Serving Agencies Monthly Call	Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice	Supporting APA Business Owners
10/5/2021	Kendall Kosai	Anti-Asian Hate Listening Session	Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
9/30/2021	Kendall Kosai	State Auditor Meeting on Police Accountability	Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
9/23/2021	Kendall Kosai	APIC WA Meeting	Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
9/19/2021	Kendall Kosai	OCA Greater Seattle Board Meeting	Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
10/29/2021	Lalita Uppala	Small business support	Economic Development	Supporting APA Business Owners
10/15/2021	Lalita Uppala	Redistricting info session	Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice	Support for Census 2020
10/11/2021	Lalita Uppala	Vaccine awareness webinar	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
9/23/2021	Lalita Uppala	Senior caregiver service	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
11/11/2021	Lydia Faitalia	WA CAPAA EXEC MEETING	Prep Nov.20 WA CAPAA Meeting	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
11/6/2021	Lydia Faitalia	APCC 25th Anniversary	API Cultural Awareness	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
11/5/2021	Lydia Faitalia	HHS Meeting	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
11/5/2021	Lydia Faitalia	Exec Committee Meeting	Preparation and updates	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
11/4/2021	Lydia Faitalia	EOGOAC - Virtual Family and Community Forum	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
10/29/2021	Lydia Faitalia	EOGOAC Planning Committee	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
10/7/2021	Lydia Faitalia	Indigenous Peoples Day	Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice	Acknowledging indigenous peoples day
10/6/2021	Lydia Faitalia	Community Meeting with NHPI Youth	Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/4/2021	Lydia Faitalia	WA State PA Taskforce	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/4/2021	Lydia Faitalia	Physical Activity Task Force: Julie McCleery	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
11/6/2021	Nam Nguyen	APCC Anniversary Banquet	Cultural	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
10/22/2021	Nam Nguyen	White House Listening Session	All issues	Supporting APA Business Owners
10/5/2021	Nam Nguyen	Anti Asian Community Meeting	Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
11/9/2021	Ping Ping	86.Attend APIC-Spokane listening session for legislative priority	What are things important to propose in legislature	it fulfills education, health, support APA business goals, and more i.e. housing and homeless
11/4/2021	Ping Ping	attended Spokane human rights commission board meeting for pa	Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice	Civil Rights and Equity Office for BIPOC in Spokane, including ANHPI
10/28/2021	Ping Ping	APIC -WA meeting with CAPAA, demography report	all of the above	It supports CAPAA's goal
10/27/2021	Ping Ping	83.Washington Board of Education listening session of Resolution	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
10/23/2021	Ping Ping	Organize Asian American parents to give feedback to Equity Solu	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
10/22/2021	Ping Ping	Attend White house and WHIAANHPI listening session with CAP	all of the above	what are important things for ANHPI in WA State
10/21/2021	Ping Ping	82.Attended OSPI Ethnic Studies Advisory Board meeting	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
10/18/2021	Ping Ping	Join in APIC-South Sound chapter monthly meeting discussing Et	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
10/16/2021	Ping Ping	Rally at Riverfront Park Clocktower, remove John Monaghan statu	Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice	Challenge a public history symbol: a white supremacy symbol of Monaghan, a genocide sc
10/15/2021	Ping Ping	CAPAA education committee meeting	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
10/9/2021	Ping Ping	Webinar about "An inconvenient minority" (model minority) by soc	Academic discussion: is Asian as a model minorit	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
10/7/2021	Ping Ping	UCA led campaign "teach API history in K-12 school system"	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
9/28/2021	Ping Ping	attended the Participatory Policymaking Codesign team's Commu	housing shortage of community of color especially	housing ownership solution for POC especially for NHPI, it is fulfilling strategic plan on hun
9/17/2021	Ping Ping	Reviewing Equity Assessment Tools, meeting led by Spokane La	Civil Rights, Immigration & Justice	Close criminal justice gaps for community of color in Spokane
9/12/2021	Ping Ping	Attended APIC-South Sound Chapter monthly meeting discussing	Education (Early Education, K-12, & Higher Education)	Make API history taught in K-12
11/7/2021	Sam Cho	Downtown Bellevue Olympic Torch Run	API Cultural Awareness	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
10/25/2021	Sam Cho	Korean American Coalitin Board Meeting	Civic Engagement	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
10/22/2021	Sam Cho	Korean American Coalition Candidate Forum	Voter Education and Civic Engagement	Closing Educational Opportunity Gaps
9/27/2021	Sam Cho	Korean American Coalition Board Meeting	Civic Engagement	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
11/10/2021	Toka Valu	City of Seatac Arts, Culture and Library Advisory Committee Meet	Arts & Cultural Development	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
11/5/2021	Toka Valu	CAPAA HHS Committee Meeting	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
11/4/2021	Toka Valu	Reflections Virtual Dance Festival	API Cultural Awareness	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
10/29/2021	Toka Valu	Neighborhood Economic Recovery Review Pane	Economic Development	No, this activity did not fulfill a strategic plan goal.
10/23/2021	Toka Valu	Dream-a-thon Washington	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues
10/18/2021	Toka Valu	Pacific Islander Wellness Taskforce - Community Dialogue	Health and Human Services	Identifying Health Disparity Issues